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Implementation of SAGY
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the goal and main objectives of Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY);

(b) whether the Government proposes to review guidelines during the course of implementation of 'Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana' and provide funds to encourage use of technology and innovations; if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the plan of cooperative, private and voluntary sector projects under Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) will be covered by MPLADS; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a): As per the guidelines, the goal and main objectives of Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) are:

Goal: The goal of Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) is to translate the comprehensive and organic vision of Mahatma Gandhi into reality, keeping in view the present context.
Objectives:

i. To trigger processes which lead to holistic development of the identified Gram Panchayats

ii. To substantially improve the standard of living and quality of life of all sections of the population through −

a. improved basic amenities
b. higher productivity
c. enhanced human development
d. better livelihood opportunities
e. reduced disparities
f. access to rights and entitlements
g. wider social mobilization
h. enriched social capital

iii. To generate models of local level development and effective local governance which can motivate and inspire neighbouring Gram Panchayats to learn and adapt

iv. To nurture the identified Adarsh Grams as schools of local development to train other Gram Panchayats

(b): The Guidelines have been reviewed as and when required. Following two amendments have been made to the Guidelines of Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana:-
The Gram Panchayats once selected by members of Parliament (whose tenures have ended on account of resignation or otherwise) would be continued as such under SAGY irrespective of whether activities have already been initiated in the GP under SAGY or not. The newly elected MPs will have the option to select the GP of their choice and two more subsequently by 2019. (Inserted vide addendum to the principal Guidelines File No. J-11011/4/2015-SAGY dated 20.03.2015 as annexure - I)

The current RajyaSabha members elected from the erstwhile undivided State of Andhra Pradesh before the bifurcation of the State may choose villages under SAGY from anywhere in the erstwhile State of Andhra Pradesh (this is, anywhere in the newly −created states of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, both) irrespective of their allotted State as a one-time exception. This on-time dispensation will not, however, be applicable subsequently, as and when RajyaSabha MPs are freshly elected from the newly-created states of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. (Inserted vide addendum to the principal Guidelines File No. K-11033/4/2014-SAGY dated 27.08.2015 as annexure - II)

SAGY is primarily about unleashing the power of people who are expected to inculcate pride in village, encourage societal change/Behavioural change, take collective responsibility and initiate People projects. The development of Gram Panchayats identified under SAGY is intended to take place through the convergence and implementation of existing Government Schemes and Programmes without allocating additional funds. There is no proposal for providing funds to the SAGY Gram Panchayats.

(c) & (d): Contribution from Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) fund can be made to the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) for the works that are eligible for implementation under the Guidelines on MPLADS. Paras 3.21 and 3.42 of the Guidelines on MPLADS provide details of MPLADS fund utilisation respectively with regard to Trusts/Societies and Cooperative Societies. Copies of extracts of paras 3.21 and 3.42 of the Guidelines on MPLADS are attached as Annexure -III.

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